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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:

Hans-Georg BAUMGARTEN et al.

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For: METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR STORING AND ACCESSING AN OBJECT BY A  
COMPUTER

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Before examination of the above-identified application, please amend the application as follows:

**IN THE SPECIFICATION**

Please REPLACE the pending specification with the Substitute Specification attached hereto.

**IN THE ABSTRACT**

Please REPLACE the originally filed Abstract with the enclosed Substitute Abstract.

**IN THE CLAIMS**

Please CANCEL claims 1-15 without prejudice or disclaimer of any of the subject matter claimed therein and ADD new claims in accordance with the following:

16. A method for accessing a mapping object by a computer, comprising:
- determining to retrieve the mapping object when a digital image is modified by a predefined process to at least one of transform and convert the digital image, the predefined process having at least one parameter which determines a mapping of the mapping object;
  - determining an index by reference to the at least one parameter; and